

**Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2005**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Meeting opened by Chairman McHale at 10:40 a.m.

**Introductions of Board and Staff**

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Mike Peters and Jean Deighan  
Larry Hall and Peter Danton absent.

Legal Counsel: Bill Stokes, Deputy Attorney General

Staff: Exec. Dir. Bob Welch and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain

- **Review of 4/14/2005 Minutes**

**Motion:** Jean Deighan moved to accept the minutes with one typo error to be fixed.

**Seconded:** by Mike Peters

Unanimous vote of 3-0.

- **Executive Director Report**

Bob Welch advised the Board on several issues, which included:

1. A handout of information on problem gambling from a credit union in Nevada; who has put the phone # for the problem gambling association on their ATM receipts.
2. The Per Diem for Gambling Control Board members that was originally split from L.D. 90 was passed from the Committee to Legislature for a vote.
3. Rep. Hotham's L.D. 1371 regarding a change of formula for payment to O.T.B. was withdrawn and he has requested instead, that the Gambling Control Board inform Legal and Veteran's Affairs Committee on the start up activities at the Racino.
4. Mr. Welch has sent a letter to Penn National, reminding/advising them that any slot machine to be licensed in Maine, has to be compatible with the Central Site Monitoring System.
5. Lt. Kelly and Det. Armstrong are attending a training at the University of Nevada this week on financial and background investigations.

- **Review of completed work by Staff re: Licensing Procedures and compliance with L.D. #90**

Application Procedures: The staff will not be accepting any applications from anyone unless they have been offered employment previous to submission of the application.

A full application with all attachments and signatures must be submitted or the entire thing with payment will be returned for completion.

- **License Forms, ID's and Slot Machine Decals**

A sample decal that will be fixed on each slot machine when it enters Maine was passed around for the Board to see. The decal, silver mylar in color, when pulled off the machine will show the word VOID on the backing for security issues as well as the State Seal will be in full color.

A sample license form was given to each board member that includes a Certificate portion, issued to the license holder that is to be given to their employer and a wallet card for each employee to have with them at the Racino for identification purposes.

ID badge templates will be done by Staff and produced by a state security agency. Badges may be color coded according to type of position held i.e. gaming floor, vendor, etc.

- **Public Comment**

Steve Snyder, from Penn National, addressed the board. Penn has identified some vendors that would be providing services to the temporary facility and they will be contacting the Gambling Control Unit about the licensing process. He also advised that there will be at least one, if not two more slot distributor applications that will be filed with us in the next few weeks.

Mr. Snyder introduced Jon Johnson, from the Hollywood Casino in Tunica, Mississippi who has been named as the new General Manager for all of the operations in Bangor including O.T.B., Racino and the Racetrack. Mr. Johnson brings 30 years of gambling operations experience to the position, having just spent the past 10 years as Chief Financial Officer in Mississippi.

Mr. Johnson addressed the Board and discussion ensued about the application/licensing process that will take place between Penn National and the Gambling Control Board/Unit. He also advised that the timeline for the temporary facility and hiring would be that construction will be going on for the next few months, then some time during construction, they will begin the hiring process. Employees will be trained anywhere from two to four weeks, just prior to the facility opening. A job fair is being planned to be held in Bangor. Target time for opening will still be November or December. Fred Nichols will be staying on, at the racetrack and a few other employees from Miller's as well.

- **Next Meetings**

Tentative dates for future Board meetings were set for June 16<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn made by Jean Deighan.

**Seconded:** by Mike Peters

Unanimous Vote 3-0 to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.